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## **MARCH MILK PRICES DECREASED FROM FEBRUARY**

Prices received by New York producers for milk sold during March were down from a month earlier, according to Steve Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. The price of wheat and apples also decreased. The price of corn, hay and potatoes increased. Many previous month prices were revised due to more complete sales information.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$16.00 per hundredweight of milk sold during March, down 80 cents from February but \$4.50 more than March a year ago.

Grain corn, at \$3.72 per bushel, was up 6 cents from February but decreased 75 cents from last year. Wheat, at \$4.73 per bushel, was down 30 cents from February and down 70 cents from March a year ago. Hay averaged \$119.00 per ton, up \$14 from February and \$3 lower than prices received March 2009. Potatoes averaged \$12.70 per hundredweight, up 40 cents from February but down \$2.10 from last year at this time. Apples, at 20.0 cents per hundredweight, were down .1 cents from February and 5.8 cents from last year.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 141 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 6 points (4.4 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 8 points (5.4 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 5 points (4.1 percent). Producers received higher prices for onions, lettuce, eggs, and cattle and lower prices for milk, corn, soybeans, and apples. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of strawberries, soybeans, broilers, and milk offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, cotton, and oranges. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at [www.nass.usda.gov/ny](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ny).

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